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Pre-tournament interviews

Interview of Paula Creamer

THE MODERATOR: All right. Paula, thanks for coming in and joining us today. You've had quite a successful year so far, two victories on tour, and a win in Japan, and then a solid Solheim Cup. Do you want to talk first about your experience this year on tour?

PAULA CREAMER: This whole year has met my expectations that I made. Obviously there was a couple of things that I didn't do that I wanted to do, like to win a major. That was one of my big goals this year. But I was in contention going into those tournaments and I have learned something from that. And, you know, I will only take that and it motivates me to work hard toward next year.

THE MODERATOR: You had a chance to get out on the course today.

PAULA CREAMER: Um-hum.

THE MODERATOR: Your thoughts on the course?

PAULA CREAMER: The golf course is unbelievable.

It's beautiful, it's tough. You have to be mentally in it the whole round. I feel very comfortable out there. I really enjoy the golf course. It reminds me of Evian, the tournament in France. The setting, and the golf course, and the hills, I think it sets up really well for my game.

THE MODERATOR: We'll open up for questions.

Q Paula you have had such a great season are you beginning to feel almost tired now or are you still --

PAULA CREAMER: Um, yes and no. I guess my off weeks are not off weeks anymore. There is just so many things that I kind of have to do, and a little busier. It's not just me sitting at home. But other than that not on the golf course. When I get to a tournament I'm focused on winning and playing good that week, I guess my physical fitness kind of thing doesn't come into play. It's good to be young, I guess.

Q Paula, are you familiar with playing courses here in Southern California?

PAULA CREAMER: Yes and no. I played some tournaments down here when I was younger. But mostly in Northern California. But this is a great golf course. I mean it is really a test of golf. And that's what we want. That's what I want. I like to have a challenge, and this is definitely a challenging golf course.

Q Any chance you will get distracted by the gorgeous views of the ocean?

PAULA CREAMER: That's the thing, I was talking to some of the players in the locker room this morning and they say, you hit a bad shot and you look over the ocean, you hit a good shot you still look over the ocean. Hopefully, I mean it's one of those things it's not all about golf, this week puts everything in perspective. And you have to stay focused, it's beautiful. And it's a great location, and the weather has been great too. That makes it tougher.

Q Just seeing the ocean if you do hit a bad shot or get kind of angry out there, would that be a soothing effect on you and you can kind of regroup a little bit?

PAULA CREAMER: Yeah. When I'm on a golf course, I'm not really aware of what is going on outside of what I see, you know, kind of thing. It's pretty much tunnel vision when I'm on the golf course. There are moments where obviously you can't be focused 100% on golf. And Colin and I, my caddie, we learn when I need to kind of calm down. And I'm sure he will be saying, "look at the water" to calm me down. It's good to have an atmosphere like this, it puts everybody in a lower gear pretty much.

Q First of all fantastic year. Your work and your performance in the Solheim Cup.

PAULA CREAMER: Thank you.

Q Tell us what you got out of the experience and how it's going to help you be a better player next year?

PAULA CREAMER: That was the highlight of my golf career. Definitely. It's amazing. It was such a great week.

Our team Nancy and Donna, oh my gosh, it was unbelievable. We were just one. You know, people always say, you try to be one as a team. We really were. Our chemistry was great. And I have taken so many friendships out of that week. And, you know, coming to an event like this where I haven't seen them all, and I got to see Meg. I mean it's a bond, we're like sisters now kind of thing. What I take from that event was I was so focused on getting. And then to, you know, kind of back up what I did all year. And to play good, that proved to me that, you know, I can play out there, and I can play with the best players in the world. And the singles match helped me a lot as well. I played against the queen, I mean she is queen of Solheim Cup. And I played every event. And most experience versus least experience, and experience doesn't mean anything on the golf course, really. It's just you and your own game.

Q At what point in that match with Laura Davies did you feel like you had a chance to take the match?

PAULA CREAMER: First hole. She didn't hit a very good tee shot off the first tee, and I hit great tee shot. And then I hit a good shot and it was like, okay, here we go. And it kept on going, and I got some momentum. I mean, anybody I played that day would have been a good match. I mean, the putter was hot, and I was hitting close, and what are you going to do?

Q Paula how much of what you have been able to do this year you think has been helped that you are not in school anymore. And, you know, unlike some of the other girls you don't have to worry about that in addition to the golf?

PAULA CREAMER: Well I was in school. I mean.

Q No, I mean the fact that you've graduated from high school and you are not trying to, you know, do as much as you did this year when you were still in school? Does that make sense?

PAULA CREAMER: Well everybody -- I don't.

Q I guess what I mean is some of the other girls are still playing the tour as much as they can and going to high school.

PAULA CREAMER: Who?

Q Michelle Wie?

PAULA CREAMER: Are you talking professionals or amateurs?

Q I know you are a professional. I mean not having to juggle the load of having that over your head knowing that you have those other commitments; whereas, now you are professional and you can play as much as you want and focus as much as you want on the golf.

PAULA CREAMER: Well this is my job now. This is what I do. Um, I mean I went to school, you know, I went to school and I will still be getting my degree. But right now, I mean, I guess I kind of understand the question. This is what I will be doing for the rest of my life.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions? Thanks Paula.

PAULA CREAMER: No problem.